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COOPERATION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS TELL US THAT MANFRED CASPARI, COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS SUGGESTED A MEETING WITH IRANIAN UNDER SECRETARY OF FINANCE IN TEHRAN NEAR THE END OF THIS MONTH. THE PRUPOSE OF THIS MEETING WOULD BE TO ARRANGE THE MODALITIES OF THE EC/IRAN COOPERATION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. CASPARI IS AWAITING A GOI REPLY TO HIS PROPOSAL.

2. FOLLOWING THE CASPARI VISIT, COMMISSION CHIEF FOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS, KLAUS EWIG, PLANS TO LEAD A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO TEHRAN IN LATE FEBRUARY TO NEGOTIATE THE SPECIFICS OF
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THE AGREEMENT. AT THAT TIME EWIG HOPES TO REACH GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION PROVISIONS. THESE PROVISIONS WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE RECENT EC/CANADIAN AGREEMENT. HE WOULD ALSO EXPLORE GOI IDEAS REGARDING TRADE PROVISIONS, ESPECIALLY ACCESS OF IRANIAN REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (R.P.P.) TO THE EC MARKET, BUT A COUNCIL MANDATE WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE

THE COMMISSION COULD UNDERTAKE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN.

3. EWIG DOES NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY THE GOI'S CONTINUED REQUEST FOR PREFERENTIAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS. (SEE REF. A.) HE CONSIDERS THIS AS AN OPENING NEGOTIATION PLOY; HE ADDS THAT THE GOI FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS WILL NOT BE A PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT.

4. EC PERMDEL OFFICIALS SAY THAT SO FAR THE GOI HAS NOT INDICATED A DESIRE TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE EC WOULD PREFER TO LET THEM DRAG OUT. THE EC WANTS TO PROCEED SLOWLY BECAUSE THEY EXPECT ONEROUS NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE TRADE PROVISIONS AND BECAUSE MEMBER STATES ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT OVER HOW TO HANDLE R.P.P. HINTON

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